Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A datagram relaying apparatus comprising:

a plurality of protocol terminating units; and

a destination determining processor which comprises:

a path selecting section ~~which determines~~ to determine a transfer destination route

for ~~each stream identifier of~~ a stream of packets received from any of said protocol

terminating units based on a combination of a stream identifier and a multi-path identifier

associated with the received stream of packets, wherein said path selecting section

~~determines~~ is configured to determine whether ~~or not~~ transfer of said received stream of

packets to said transfer destination route is in an inhibition state, and ~~selects~~ select

another transfer destination route when the transfer of the ~~packet~~ stream of packets to said

transfer destination route is in the inhibition state.

2.   (original) A datagram relaying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said path

selecting section determines said transfer destination route or said another transfer destination

route based on a load distribution ratio previously set for each said transfer destination route.

3.   (previously presented) A datagram relaying apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein said path selecting section manages a stream count being currently allocated and a

maximum stream count to be allocated, for each said transfer destination route, and determines